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**State Treasurer Richard Mourdock Announces Future Leaders Award Winner**

***Student wins \$1,000 CollegeChoice 529 Account***

PLYMOUTH (January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008) – Fifth-grade student Katelyn O’Neal is not only a leader in the classroom, but in various other extra-curricular activities as well. Katelyn’s success in a number of areas makes her the winner of the *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award*. Indiana Treasurer Richard Mourdock announced Katelyn as the winner of the *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award* and presented the Riverside Intermediate School student with a \$1,000 scholarship account in front of her family, teachers, and fellow classmates.

“The *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award* is a program that awards Hoosier students for demonstrating leadership qualities in their school and community,” Mourdock explained. “Katelyn’s compassion for her school and fellow classmates make her an ideal candidate for the award.”

Katelyn was nominated for the *Future Leaders Award* by her Riverside Intermediate School Principal Donna Burroughs who describes her as a leader among her peers. “Katelyn is a positive influence on her peers,” Burroughs wrote in her nomination. “Her compassionate nature and optimistic attitude make her an outstanding young student leader.”

Throughout the school year, Mourdock presents the *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award*, which provides a \$1,000 CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan<sup>SM</sup> account to a student who exemplifies any one, or combination of, the following: community service; progress/improvement in a specific area; overcoming personal obstacles; and/or excellence in academics, athletics, arts or music. In addition to Katelyn receiving an award, her school received \$250 to be used to foster its own leadership activities.

Nominations for the on-going program may be submitted by anyone who knows of a student deserving of the award. For complete program rules and nomination form, go online to [www.collegechoiceplan.com/leaders](http://www.collegechoiceplan.com/leaders) or call 317-232-5259.

Murdock is the Chairman of the Indiana Education Savings Authority, which sponsors the CollegeChoice 529 Plan. The CollegeChoice 529 Plan is a state and federally tax advantaged program that allows families to invest for future higher education expenses. Hoosiers interested in saving for a loved-one’s college education are encouraged to visit the CollegeChoice 529 Plan website at [www.collegechoiceplan.com](http://www.collegechoiceplan.com) or call 866-400-PLAN (7526) for more information.